

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully studied the outstanding Official Action mailed on July 16, 2007. This response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Claims 16, 23 and 24 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Horn et al (US 4888012).

Claims 2, 17, 19 and 20 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Bowald (US 4713072).

Claims 2, 19 and 20 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Horn et al in light of Bowald.

Although Applicant traverses the above rejections, the claims rejected above have been cancelled to expedite allowance. It is acknowledged with gratitude that claims 1, 3-5 and 12-15 are allowed. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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